



# The Pirate's Chantey

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**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI** James Cromartie '66, Dr. Deitra Lowdermilk '66, Clay Walker '89, and Conwell S. Worthington II '72 were recognized throughout Homecoming weekend for their accomplishments.

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## Thousands Return to Campus for Homecoming 2005

2 Homecoming 2005 attracted thousands of  
3 alumni to campus to celebrate and reunite  
3 with fellow Pirates. This year's theme was  
3 **Purple Reign...Sharing the Treasures of East**  
3 **Carolina** and it certainly felt like treasure  
3 abounded in Greenville. The gorgeous fall  
3 weather lasted throughout Homecoming  
3 weekend and despite the loss on the football  
3 field, the feeling of Pirate Pride among  
3 students, alumni, and friends was powerful.  
4 Hundreds gathered at the Alumni Center for  
5 breakfast Saturday morning. If you were at  
5 the parade or at the game, you had a chance  
5 to see our Outstanding Alumni as well as 90-  
6 year-old William Nisbet '31 and 93-year-old  
6 W. Eric Tucker '33, who were presented with  
6 football letter jackets, something they didn't  
7 receive when they attended East Carolina  
7 Teachers Training School. The Alumni tailgate  
entertained nearly 700 alumni and friends  
with eastern North Carolina barbecue.

If you were in Greenville this year then we hope Homecoming was as enjoyable for you as it was for us. If you could not attend, we look forward to seeing you in the year to come and at Homecoming 2006 as we gear up to kick-off East Carolina's centennial celebration in 2007.



The ECU Alumni Scholarship Classic was held October 28<sup>th</sup> and raised over \$10,000 for student scholarships. Thanks to our sponsors and all who participated in this year's tournament!

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# Dear Alumni,

Ninety-eight years ago a small institution called East Carolina Teachers Training School (ECTTS) was founded to address the teacher shortage in eastern North Carolina. Ninety-four years ago alumni of ECTTS formed an association to stay connected



and serve their alma mater. The more things change the more they stay the same. Today, almost a century later, East Carolina has emerged as a nationally respected University that is still centered on serving the needs of eastern North Carolinians. Similarly, the East Carolina Alumni Association is a dynamic and growing organization that exists to involve, inform, and serve the members of the Pirate Nation throughout their lifelong relationship with East Carolina.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to come back and visit campus, because if you haven't been lately then you haven't seen ECU. From the construction of Clark-LeClair Baseball Stadium and the West End Dining Hall to the impending groundbreaking on the Cardiovascular Center, your alma mater is on the move and charging forward.

I hope that you enjoy this inaugural edition of *The Pirate's Chantey* newsletter. As we strive to inform the Pirate Nation and meet the needs of our alumni, I encourage you to get involved with the Alumni Association. This is your Alumni Association and we appreciate your feedback. Let us know how we can better serve you by e-mailing us at [alumni@PirateAlumni.com](mailto:alumni@PirateAlumni.com) or calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

## GO PIRATES!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Clifford".

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## Why The Pirate's Chantey?



A chantey is a song sung by Pirates in rhythm to their daily chores. The *Pirate's Chantey*, the official newsletter of the East Carolina Alumni Association, sings the praises of our alumni and volunteers whose loyalty and support are the backbone of our organization.

## Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors



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## STAY CONNECTED!

Several tools have been implemented in the past 18 months to spread the good news of East Carolina and her Alumni Association throughout the Pirate Nation.



For the internet savvy among us, **PirateAlumni.com** offers information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, news of interest to the Pirate Nation, Pirate Spirit, and more.



**Pirate's Cove**, the new online community, was released this fall. Registration is free and offers ways to stay connected to friends through the online alumni directory and class notes. You may also promote your business or post and search for job openings in the career section of the community.



Recently moved? Keep fellow Pirates and East Carolina University up-to-date by registering and editing your profile on the online community, Pirate's Cove.



**Pirate Connections** now appears in each issue of East The Magazine of East Carolina University, and includes a snapshot of your Alumni Association and features the accomplishments of alumni volunteers.



Bring ECU to your inbox by signing up for **Pirate Pulse**, our monthly eNewsletter. PiratePulse is a great way to receive news about ECU and upcoming alumni events.



Listen to **A Pirate's Life for Me!** Saturday mornings on Pirate Radio 1250 and 930 AM or online at PirateRadio1250.com.

## CHANCELLOR'S TOUR



The Chancellor's Tour gives alumni the opportunity to hear Dr. Steve Ballard's vision for ECU. In Spring 2006, Dr. Ballard travels throughout eastern North Carolina to Fayetteville, Washington, Goldsboro, Kinston, Wilson, and Rocky Mount. In July, join Dr. Ballard for an alumni Alaskan cruise. Visit [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com) for details.

## PIRATE CAREER CALLS

We have partnered with The Career Center to offer a series of career services presentations via teleconference. This series, Pirate Career Calls, are interactive conference calls facilitated by Sue Martin of the ECU Career Center. You will have the opportunity to gain insights, engage in discussion, and get answers to your career questions. Pirate Career Calls, held from noon to 1:00 p.m. EST, are open to all alumni and friends of East Carolina. The first call, Career Changers, took place December 1<sup>st</sup>. Future Pirate Career Calls are scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, Building Your Resume, and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Networking. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 800-ECU-GRAD or e-mail [alumni@PirateAlumni.com](mailto:alumni@PirateAlumni.com). A registration fee of \$5 will be charged to cover the cost of the teleconference.



## A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME!



Tune in to the Alumni Association's radio program, *A Pirate's Life for Me!*, on Pirate Radio 1250 & 930 AM. From actors and athletes to musicians and alumni award winners, *A Pirate's Life for Me!* features interviews with accomplished and successful East Carolina alumni. Listen Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. locally in eastern North Carolina on Pirate Radio 1250 & 930 AM or worldwide on [PirateRadio1250.com](http://PirateRadio1250.com). You can also listen to past shows online in the Archive portion of our Web site, [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com).

## BASKETBALL PRE-GAME PARTY

Athletic tailgating doesn't end with football season! Join us for a basketball pre-game party in 2006. Check [Events.PirateAlumni.com](http://Events.PirateAlumni.com) for details.



## CHAPTER GROWTH

Regional alumni chapters have seen remarkable growth in interest and activity this year. This fall we have experienced a steady rise in the number of alumni chapters planning East Carolina football viewing parties. For East Carolina's season opener against Duke, seven game watches took place across the Pirate Nation. By October 22<sup>nd</sup>'s away game against Memphis, 12 alumni chapters organized viewing parties for an estimated number of 200 East Carolina fans!

The year 2006 looks to be as, if not more, active. Visit [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com) to get involved with what's going on in your part of the Pirate Nation!



11th Annual East Carolina Pirate Club and Alumni Golf Tournament in Charlotte



Central Florida Viewing Party with special guest Beth Holtz, mother of Pirate Football Head Coach Skip Holtz



Tidewater Virginia Chancellor's Tour



Las Vegas Chapter Event



DC Metro Homecoming



Bash on Beale Street in Memphis



New Bern Chancellor's Tour



Triad Freshmen Sendoff



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

The Alumni Association offers numerous opportunities for all Pirates to continue to play a role in the life of the institution.

### Chapters

Around the Pirate Nation alumni stay connected to East Carolina through our network of alumni chapters. Alumni chapters can be found in most metro areas with over 500 East Carolina alumni. Our chapters sponsor game watches, career networking, community service projects, student recruiting events, and ECU update events.

### Leadership

If a leadership role is what you seek, our alumni board of directors sets the strategic direction for the Alumni Association. The 21 elected members of the board represent a wide range of interests, professional backgrounds, various demographic indicators, and geographic regions. Nominations are accepted by the Alumni Association year-round and should be accompanied by a resumé and letter of interest.

### Reunions

Do you want to get your fraternity brothers, classmates, or fellow members of a student organization together for a reunion? The Alumni Association will help you plan and host a reunion for your group big or small.

### Pirate Alumni Network

Have you been successful in your career? Do you want to help students and young alumni in their career pursuits? The Career Center and the Alumni Association offer the Pirate Alumni Network (PAN) as an easy way to give back to ECU. By volunteering with PAN, you are able to help fellow Pirates learn more about your industry.

Opportunities to get involved with East Carolina are endless! The only limits are our imaginations! For more information about these opportunities visit [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com)

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Board

Nominations for board members are accepted year-round by submitting a resumé and letter of interest to [Paul.Clifford@PirateAlumni.com](mailto:Paul.Clifford@PirateAlumni.com) or mail to the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center.

### Awards

The Alumni Association presents several awards each year to alumni and those who have shown exceptional dedication to and support of the university. Distinguished Service, Honorary Alumni, and Outstanding Alumni award nominations are accepted year-round. For eligibility requirements and nomination forms, visit [PirateAlumni.com](http://PirateAlumni.com).

## ALUMNI CHAPTERS

### Black Alumni Chapter

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If you would like more information about getting involved with East Carolina Alumni Chapters in your area, or if you are interested in starting a chapter, please contact Lucretia King at [Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com](mailto:Lucretia.King@PirateAlumni.com) or by calling 800-ECU-GRAD.

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## HOMECOMING 2005 WAS ALSO A TIME FOR REUNIONS



The **Black Alumni Reunion** entertained over 300 alumni with music from Professor Carroll Dashiell and the ECU Jazz Ensemble followed by D.J.J-Dot. Men's basketball coach Ricky Stokes and some of his staff also made a special visit. Thanks to Tarrick Cox '96, Shirley Dickerson '97, '05, and Roswell Streeter '90 for planning this reunion.

Jeff Cheek '74 (pictured) and others gathered at the **Campus Radio Reunion** to share old DJ stories and visit the current studios of WZMB. Thanks to Carl Davis '73 for helping to organize this reunion.



Over 100 alumni returned from across the Pirate Nation to attend the annual **ECTC & ECC Golden Alumni Reunion**. This reunion featured music by the alumni big band, the Collegians. Special thanks to Virgil '50 and Frances '52 Clark for their continued commitment to making the ECTC & ECC Golden Alumni Reunion an exceptional annual event.

If you have an idea for an affinity reunion and would like to help bring your classmates back to campus, please contact Karen Clough '98 at 252-328-0610 or [Karen.Clough@PirateAlumni.com](mailto:Karen.Clough@PirateAlumni.com).



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